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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - An indictment¹ was filed today charging defendants Ronald S. Bell, a/k/a "Khalid," and Alana J. Bell with one count of conspiracy to deal in, to possess with intent to defraud, and to manufacture counterfeit currency, one count of dealing in counterfeit currency, one count of possession of counterfeit currency with intent to defraud, and one count of manufacturing counterfeit currency, and charging Ronald S. Bell, a/k/a "Khalid," alone with five counts of passing counterfeit currency, and aiding and abetting, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Ronald S. Bell, a/k/a "Khalid"	Philadelphia, PA	1982
Alana J. Bell	Philadelphia, PA	1986

If convicted, defendant Ronald S. Bell faces a total maximum sentence of 165 years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a fine of \$2,250,000, and a special assessment of \$900, and defendant Alana J. Bell faces a total maximum sentence of 65 years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a fine of \$1,000,000, and a special assessment of \$400.

The case was investigated jointly by the United States Secret Service, the Cheltenham Police Department, and the Pennsylvania State Police, and it is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Caputo.

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¹An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.